

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, line 22 through page 11, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

If it is determined that the component does not implement the functionality, a search for an augmentation component (e.g., Data Management Component 314) is initiated (Step 506). The search for augmentation components may occur on multiple locations, including on the server executing the enterprise API (e.g., Enterprise API Server 100), on any number of backend servers (e.g., Backend Server 120, Database Server 110), or on Web sites of various component vendors (e.g., www.oracle.com). For example, a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) can be used to direct the search for networks that use URLs to address resources. If an appropriate augmentation component is not found (Step 508), a “not found” flag is set (Step 510) such that the requestor is notified of the unavailability of the requested functionality. Otherwise, if an appropriate augmentation component is found (Step 508), the augmentation component is dynamically loaded (Step 512). The augmentation component is then used to respond to the request for functionality (Step 514), thus automatically augmenting features for component based application programming interfaces.